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For: LATCH SYSTEM AND MODIFIED BLADE DESIGN  
FOR THICK STOPPER-CLOSED CONTAINER  
SAMPLING PIERCING STATION

Art Unit: 1743

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
Also enclosed are the following documents:

- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☒ Corrected Drawings
- ☒ Patent Abstracts of Japan (Publication No. 11-285589)
- ☒ Definition of the word "Trigger"
- ☒ Return Postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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